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23 July 1957

I N T E L L I G E N C E A D V I S O R Y C O M M I T T E E

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 23 July 1957

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Hugh S. Cumming, Jr., Special Assistant, Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General Robert A. Schow, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Laurence H. Frost, Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General Millard Lewis, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
United States Air Force
Colonel E. G. Van Orman, acting for Deputy Director for Intelligence,
The Joint Staff
Mr. Charles H. Reichardt, acting for Atomic Energy Commission
representative to the IAC
Mr. Meffert W. Kuhrtz, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation
representative to the IAC

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1. Approval of Minutes

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Approved as written subject to the amendment of the fourth sentence of para. 3 b to read:

"Admiral Frost reported on the naval situation in the Gulf."

2. Review of Crisis Situations

a. Watch Committee Report
No. 363

Noted.

b. Middle East

The Chairman noted a CIA memorandum entitled "Nasser's Next Moves," which had been circulated prior to the meeting, and commented on Nasser's manner of handling the transit of the Suez Canal by a Danish vessel destined for Israel. In this connection, Admiral Frost and the members discussed generally the question of the passage of Israel-bound shipping through the Suez Canal and Gulf of Aqaba, particularly the types of vessels potentially available, the kinds of cargo which might be permitted to pass and the nature and probable effectiveness of fortifications in the Straits of Tiran.

The Chairman and members then discussed recent developments in the Persian Gulf area (especially Muscat and Oman), including reports on the size, composition and present deployment of military forces in the area.

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commented on the possible purpose of the recent uprising in Oman. General Lewis informed the members on the number and types of aircraft and air facilities in the area. In the course of their exchange of views, the Chairman and members also discussed both the desirability and practical difficulties of obtaining additional information on the area.

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c. Indonesia

The Chairman raised the question of the recent elections in central Java and Mr. Cumming commented in some detail on their implications. In noting the seriousness of the developments, he referred to matters such as the increase in Communist votes, the possible effect on Sukarno's attitudes and activities and the possible future voting trends in other areas of Indonesia. After Mr. Kent noted that a new estimate on Indonesia was being drafted, Mr. Cumming suggested, and the members concurred, that IAC consideration of this estimate (presently scheduled for 13 August) be postponed until after the forthcoming elections in East Java and the subsequent celebration of "Independence Day" on 17 August. However, the Chairman noted that the Board of National Estimates should consider disseminating a preliminary draft estimate to the agencies at an earlier date.

d. Latin America

Mr. Cumming referred to a statement by Mr. Armstrong at an earlier IAC meeting (IAC-M-282, 26 March 1957, item 4 b) with respect to the Argentine situation and circulated to the members an Intelligence Brief prepared by the Office of Intelligence Research entitled "Argentine Political Course." The Chairman suggested that the members review this paper with a view to its possible discussion at the next IAC meeting.

General Schow and Colonel Van Orman commented on developments regarding the forthcoming elections in Panama and the Chairman noted that this situation would bear watching.

3. Semi-Annual Report of IAC
Ad Hoc Committee on Exchanges
(IAC-D-103/5, 18 July)

Noted this report.

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4. Post-Mortem on NIE 11-3-57

Probable Intelligence Warning
of Soviet Attack on the US
Through Mid-1960
(Memorandum to IAC, 11 July)

Noted the findings and approved the recommendation of this post-mortem.



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7. Executive Session

At 1125 the Chairman requested an executive session.

Adjournment: 1155



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Secretary

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ALSO PRESENT

Central Intelligence Agency

Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell
Mr. Sherman Kent

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Mr. Otto Guthe

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Department of State

Mr. William McAfee
Mr. Peter Moffatt

Department of the Army

Lieutenant Colonel Charles H. Pratt

Department of the Navy

Captain W. S. Howell

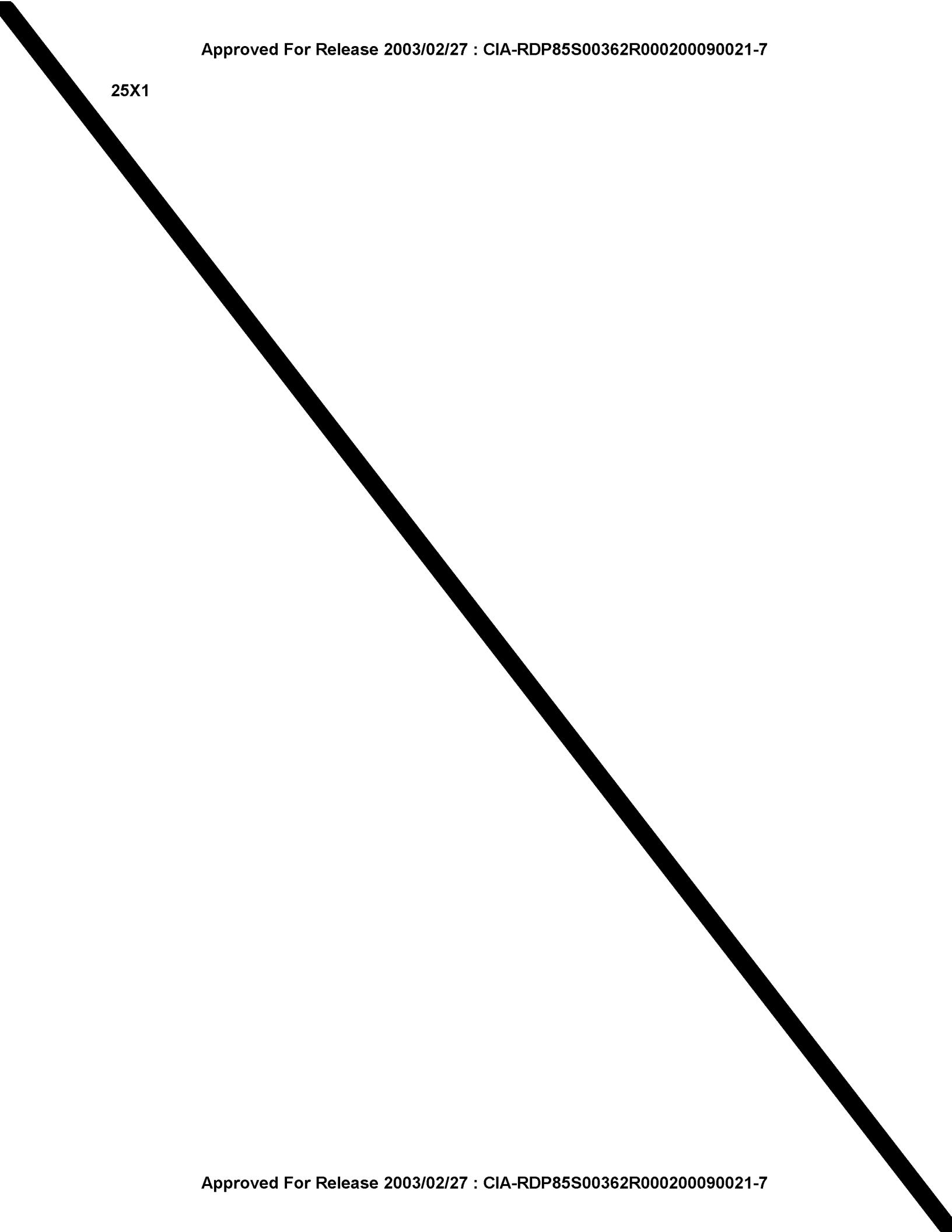
Department of the Air Force

Colonel C. J. Stattler
Colonel H. E. Cotter

The Joint Staff

Colonel J. M. Pittman, USA

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Department of the Navy
Major General Millard Lewis, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
United States Air Force
Colonel E. G. Van Orman, acting for Deputy Director for Intelligence,
The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative
to the IAC

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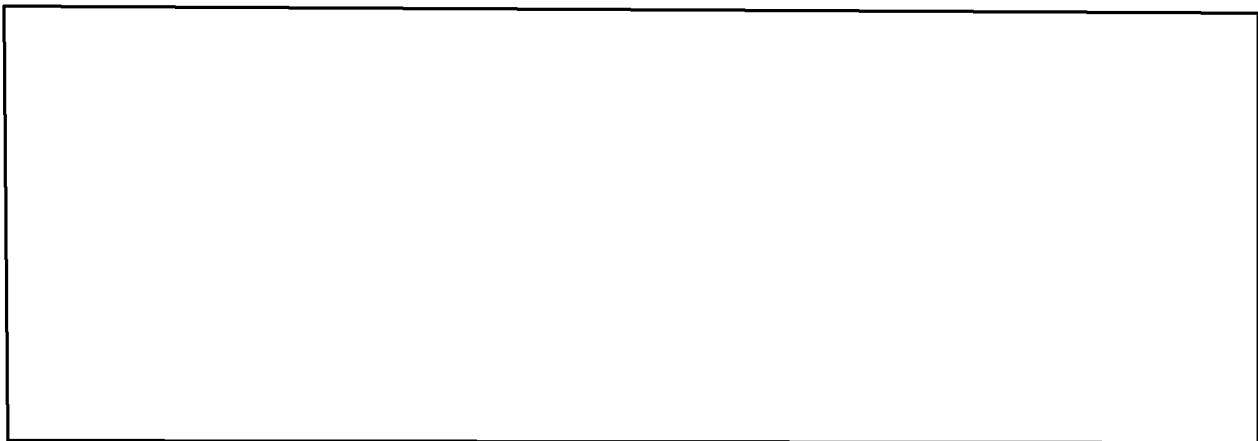
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1. Approval of Minutes
9 July Meeting
(IAC-M-297)

Approved as written, except for paragraph 6 (b), which was amended to read as follows:

"b. Agreed to defer consideration of the question of the release of this estimate to USIA, pending a recommendation of the Board of National Estimates to be made in time for the next regular IAC meeting. It was further agreed that the Board would hereafter as a matter of routine recommend the release or non-release to USIA of each NIE at the time of its consideration by the IAC."

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3. Review of Crisis Situations

a. Watch Committee Report
No. 362

Noted.

b. The Situation in the Gulf of Aqaba

The Chairman asked the members to consider a memorandum on this subject, prepared in CIA and dated 16 July. Mr. Arneson stated that the subject was currently under consideration in the Department of State. The Chairman indicated his intention of dealing

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with this topic in his briefing of the NSC on 18 July. Admiral Frost ~~stated that he would disseminate a report~~ ^{reported} on the naval situation in the Gulf. The Chairman expressed his belief that the situation should continue to be carefully studied and that all should keep their principals advised of developments.

4. Review of NSCID No. 2
(IAC-D-105/2, 11 July;
IAC-M-297, item 4)

General Lewis suggested a minor amendment to paragraph 6 which was accepted. There was no further discussion of the proposed draft of NSCID No. 2, and it was agreed to table NSCID No. 2 together with NSCID No. 1 and the later directives for future consideration as a group.

5. Review of NSCID No. 3
(IAC-D-105/3, 20 June)

At the suggestion of [redacted] it was agreed to add a sentence to paragraph 1 (e) noting that the production of National Intelligence was covered by NSCID No. 1. After a discussion of the footnote to paragraph 3, it was agreed to drop the reference to a letter from the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy and to revise the wording regarding the role of the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee. [redacted] then tabled a draft of paragraph 3 arranging the substance in textual rather than tabular form. General Lewis tabled a draft of paragraph 3 which was the subject of considerable discussion. It was agreed that the ad hoc working group should reconsider paragraph 3, giving consideration to the Air Force draft, the textual revision submitted by [redacted] and the views of the members which emerged from the discussion. There was also a brief discussion of the current intelligence problem. The Chairman reiterated his interest in making CIA current intelligence as responsive as possible to the needs of the other agencies and his interest in developing some arrangement for obtaining their advice, where time permitted, in evaluating current intelligence.

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7. NIE 11-57

Sino-Soviet Bloc Air Defense
Capabilities Through Mid-1962

a. Approved as amended.

b. Noted the post-mortem on this estimate.

c. Noted the validity study of NIE 11-5-55, "Air Defense of
the Sino-Soviet Bloc, 1955-1960," 12 July 1955.

8. Release of NIE's to USIA

Memorandum to IAC, 15 July)

a. Agreed to release NIE 100-4-57, "Implications for the
Communist Bloc and the Free World of Growing Nuclear Capabilities";

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to USIA.

b. Agreed not to release NIE 11-57, "Sino-Soviet Bloc Air
Defense Capabilities Through Mid-1962," to USIA.

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Adjournment: 1230



Acting Secretary

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

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2. No objection having been raised by a member (memorandum to IAC, 2 July), the memorandum to the Chairman, S-DMICC, was forwarded on 13 July.

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ALSO PRESENT

Central Intelligence Agency

Mr. Robert Amory, Jr.

~~Mr. Sherman Kent~~

Mr. Otto E. Guthe
Mr. Herbert Scoville, Jr.

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Department of State

Mr. Howard Wiedemann
Mr. William McAfee
Mr. John Eaves, Jr.

Department of the Army

Colonel R. L. Dalton
Lieutenant Colonel Charles H. Pratt
Major P. H. Dunbar
Major K. E. Buell

Department of the Navy

Captain W. S. Howell

Department of the Air Force

Colonel C. J. Stattler, Jr.
Colonel Harold E. Cotter
Lieutenant Colonel Richard D. Day
Lieutenant Colonel Norman Perlberg
Lieutenant Colonel Van A. Woods, Jr.

The Joint Staff

Colonel J. M. Pittman, USA
Captain G. Fowler, USN
Captain S. H. Gimber, USN
Colonel R. H. Wade, USAF